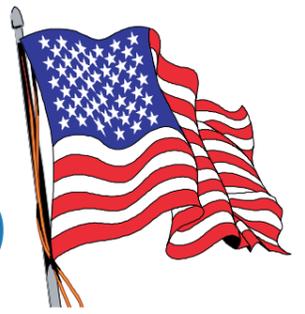




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Tree Memorial Award Nomination Period Now Open

Nominations for the 2014 Tree Memorial Award are now being accepted by the Recreation and Community Services Department. Nominations will be accepted through February.

The Tree Memorial Award was created to recognize individuals who have made a significant positive impact on the community. This prestigious award is reserved for an individual who has demonstrated the highest level of community involvement, and can be awarded to a person living or deceased.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of Community Participation and Recreation and Park Commissioners. The committee will make their recommendation to the City Council in April, and a ceremony honoring the individuals will take place in May. Plaques will be installed under designated trees as recognition of their accomplishments.

Groups or individuals who wish to nominate an individual must complete the application process. Applications are available at the Recreation and Parks Department at Monterey Park City Hall.

For more information, please call the Recreation and Community Services Office at (626) 307-1388.

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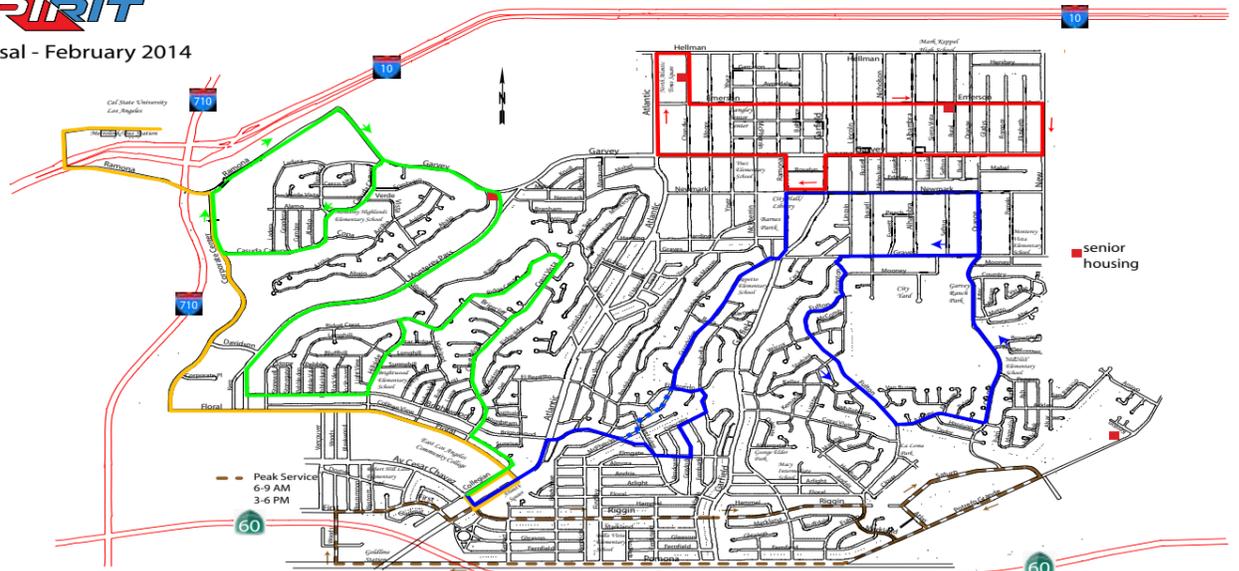
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City of Monterey Park
320 W. Newmark Ave.
Monterey Park, CA 91754

City Seeks Public Input for Proposed Spirit Bus Changes



Proposal - February 2014



Spirit Bus Community Meeting
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13, 2014
Langley Senior Center
400 W. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park.

In September 2013, a draft proposal of changes to the Spirit Bus routes was released for public comment. Community members voiced concerns about the elimination of service to residential neighborhoods that are currently being served: Brightwood, Highlands and the Garvey Reservoir. While there was support for a new link to the Gold Line Station at Atlantic and Pomona and to Atlantic Times Square at Atlantic and Hellman, transportation dependent residents feared that they would no longer be able to access their doctors and shopping needs. Some objected to proposed routes along the major corridors - Atlantic and Garfield - that are served by MTA and Montebello buses but no routes along local streets where service does not exist. Petitions representing

1,000 signatures requested retention of service, predominantly to senior housing on Emerson Avenue.

Based on the comments received, staff revised the proposal and presented a new draft to the Traffic Commission at their November 21, 2013 meeting. The Commission directed staff to present the new proposal to the community and obtain feedback. Two community meetings were held on January 14, 2014 and survey cards were collected from participants.

Staff is now releasing this third version for public review. This latest proposal is similar to the draft that was presented at the January 14th community meeting: The only modification is service along Emerson Avenue and Orange Avenue. The city welcomes comments on this new proposal. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the community meeting on March 13, 2014 where the changes will be discussed. For questions and comments, please contact Public Works at publicworks@montereypark.ca.gov, phone at 626-307-1320 or mail at: Spirit Bus, City of Monterey Park, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Eat Fresh and Healthy in the New Year at the Farmers' Market



Customers shop with J & J Farms
Photo by: Elle Mari

Get healthy this year with more fruits and vegetables! The Monterey Park Farmers' Market continues to help local families and seniors purchase affordable fresh and healthy foods with their Market Match Program. Families enrolled in WIC or CalFresh (EBT) who also have children ages 5 and under can receive up to \$10

of free farmers' market money to spend on fresh produce. Seniors and CalFresh recipients without young children can still qualify for up to \$5 of Market Match. See the Information Booth on Fridays for more info or contact us at montereyparkFM@gmail.com. Market Match Program supported by Hunger Action LA and First 5 of LA.

Guess that Veggie Contest
Test your fruit and vegetable knowledge to win a basket of fresh fruits and vegetables from the market. Email the correct answer to montereyparkFM@gmail.com by February 15 and we will select one lucky winner! December's winner was Nancy Shinyama who correctly guessed guava. Good luck this month! What veggie is this? Hint: This is a cousin of the veggie you may be more familiar with and use regularly in soups.

Farmers' Market Tip of the Month

Get to know your neighbors. Not only does shopping at the farmers' market help you eat more local healthy foods, but it also makes for a fun night out! Enjoy live music, tasty bites, and even free Zumba every 2nd Friday of the month with new and old friends alike in Monterey Park. Healthy communities stick together.

The Monterey Park Farmers' Market runs every Friday 4-8 p.m., rain or shine, at 318 S. Ramona Avenue between the library and city hall. For more great tips or information on the market, follow us on Facebook @montereyparkFM.



Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library to Open on Saturdays

The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library will be open seven days a week beginning Saturday, February 1, 2014. Join us for a celebration (with cake!) outside the library on that date. City Librarian Norma Arvizu commented, "The library staff is ecstatic that we will be offering services seven days a week to the community." Scheduled Saturday hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

New Library Hours:
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



For more information please see the library's activities page of this issue of the Cascades.



CITY OFFICIALS

Anthony Wong, Mayor
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 Peter Chan, Council Member
 Mitchell Ing, Council Member
 Teresa Real Sebastian, Council Member

Vincent D. Chang, City Clerk
 Joseph Leon, City Treasurer

Paul Talbot, City Manager
 Mark Hensley, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall Council Chambers

COMMISSION ON AGING

3rd Monday, 11:00 a.m.
 Langley Senior Center, 400 W. Emerson Ave.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Quarterly, 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.
 City Hall Room 266

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Service Club House, 440 S. McPherrin Ave.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall Council Chambers

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall, Room 266

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
 City Hall Community Room

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
 Bruggemeyer Library

PERSONNEL BOARD

2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall Council Chambers

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall Council Chambers

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION

Quarterly, 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
 Bruggemeyer Library

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall Council Chambers

For more information please visit the community calendar at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.

Monterey Park Art + Film Lab at East LA College

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) is pleased to present the Monterey Park Art+Film Lab. Residing at East Los Angeles College from January 10-February 9, the lab will offer FREE art and film programming to the community of Monterey Park and the surrounding cities. The lab's programs include interactive film workshops, a diverse lineup of film screenings, and an oral history project; all of which is free to the public. At the conclusion of the project, residents are invited to spend a day at the museum where they will receive free admission.



Monterey Park Art+Film Lab lacma art film lab structure

The project launched in June 2013 and has traveled to Redlands, San Bernardino, and Altadena thus far. The second leg of the trip begins in January and will continue until the end of 2014.

The Lab will be located on the ELAC Campus, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754, at the intersection of Avenida Cesar Chavez and Collegian Avenue. Look for the lab in the plaza in between the Vincent Price Art Museum (VPAM) and the Recital Hall of

the Visual and Performing Arts Complex.

To experience the lab in advance, a local filmmaker in San Bernardino created this video about the lab: <http://vimeo.com/75467767>.

For more information about the project and a full lineup of Monterey Park's workshops and films visit: <http://www.lacma.org/series/monterey-park-art-film-lab>.

City Hall Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Mayor and City Council	626-307-1465
City Manager	626-307-1255
City Clerk	626-307-1362
City Treasurer	626-307-1488
Animal Control	626-307-1217
Aquatics/ Rec. Classes	626-307-1388
Building Division	626-307-1300
Business License	626-307-1338
Code Enforcement	626-307-1415
Community & Economic Development	626-307-1315
Dial-a-Ride	626-307-1396
Economic Development	626-307-1382
Engineering	626-307-1320
Finance	626-307-1348
Fire Department Admin	626-307-1262
Fire Dept. Ambulance	626-307-1423
Fire Prevention	626-307-1308
Graffiti Removal	626-307-1449
Housing Rehabilitation	626-307-1385
Human Resources	626-307-1334
Job Hotline	626-307-1446
Langley Senior Center	626-307-1395
Library	626-307-1269
Planning and Zoning	626-307-1315
Police (emergency only)	9 1 1
Police (non emergency)	626-573-1311
Police Comm. Relations	626-307-1215
Police Reports & Records	626-307-1211
Pothole Report Line	626-307-2585
Public Works	626-307-1281
Recreation & Community Services	626-307-1388
Recycling Hotline	626-307-2510
Risk Management	626-307-1437
Special Events	626-307-1390
Trash Collection (Athens Services)	626-336-3636
Tree Trimming	626-307-1292
Water Billing	626-307-1342
Water Dept. After Hours	626-307-1282
Weed Abatement	626-307-1415

For additional numbers please visit the city directory at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.

City Hall Hours

Monday-Thursday: 7:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
 Closed Fridays

City Events Calendar

- February 1 Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library reopens on Saturdays
- February 5 Regular City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., city hall council chamber
- February 17 Presidents' Day holiday, city hall closed
- February 18 City Council Guests & Presentations Meeting, 6:00 p.m., city hall council chamber
- February 19 Regular City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., city hall council chamber

Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the city hall council chamber, 320 W. Newmark Ave.

For more city events please visit the Community Calendar at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.

HARMONY DAY SPA # 2 Of Monterey Park

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 321 W. Garvey Ave. #A Monterey Park, CA 91754
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 Banquet Hall available up to 300 people



MONTEREY PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a huge "Thank you" to our following food vendors for their generous contribution to our "Annual Christmas at the El Encanto 2013"

THANK YOU TO ALL NEW MEMBERS

Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome and thank all of our new Chamber members:

Global International Investments Inc.

Ms. Cindy Ota Lee

256 Monterey Pass Road
Monterey Park, CA. 91754

East Los Angeles Pregnancy Center

Ms. Lily Felix

2342 South Atlantic Blvd.
Monterey Park, CA. 91754
(323) 728-1292

New York Life

Mr. Sony Tan

Daw Yee Myanmar Café

111 North Rural Drive
Monterey Park, CA. 91754
626-573-8080

Sanchez Burrito Company

1470 Monterey Pass Road
Monterey Park, CA. 91754
323-260-7996

Marie Calendars Restaurant

220 South Atlantic Blvd
Monterey Park, CA. 91754
626-281-9548

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

1955 South Atlantic Blvd
Monterey Park, CA. 91754
626-289-6351

NBC Seafood Restaurant

404 - A South Atlantic Blvd.
Monterey Park CA. 91754
626-282-2323

Shinanos Restaurant

1106 South Atlantic Blvd.
Monterey Park, CA. 91754
626-300-0130

Rudy's Baja Grill

5226 East Pomona Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA. 90022
323-722-7992

Chamber of Commerce New Members Spotlight



The Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce believes in investing in our future and there is no better way then to invest in our children. We are proud to introduce our newest member to our chamber, SPARK Afterschool Academy.

SPARK Afterschool Academy provides after school academic support and enrichment activities to our local children in four elementary schools in the Alhambra School District.

SPARK Afterschool Academy's mission is to spark growth in our community by taking a holistic approach to child development. SPARK is an acronym for our three pillars; Personal Relationships, Academic Knowledge, and Service. With an emphasis in Personal Relationships, our students learn interpersonal and leadership skills, while understanding the importance of caring for their own and others' success. With Academic Knowledge, we provide individualized

academic assistance that encourages a passion for learning and achievement. Through Service our students understand the power of change, establish positive relationships with leaders and a valued connection with the community. SPARK Afterschool Academy is an organic organization that believes education isn't filling a bucket, but lighting a spark.

SPARK Afterschool Academy's vision is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where students can say, I belong... I am capable... I can contribute... Our students will have a personal responsibility in their education and be inspired to strive for high goals. Students will understand GROWTH with focused themes that incorporate Gratitude, Relationships, Order, Work, Talent, and Helpfulness. Our success can only be achieved by sparking a love for people, learning, and helping.

SPARK Academy offers Summer Program from June 2nd through August 8th, 2014 serving children going to

kindergarten through eighth grade. Our program is Monday - Friday from 7:30am to 6:00pm in a secure campus next to Granada Park. Our summer program incorporates academic exercises, outdoor activities, swimming and field trips. Space is limited and registration starts in January. For more information visit www.sparksummerschool.com.

SPARK Afterschool Academy is offered at Garfield Elementary, Repetto Elementary, Highland Elementary, and Brightwood Elementary. For more information go to our website www.sparkafterschool.org or email Linda Wong at linda@sparkafterschool.org.

For Chamber of Commerce information please visit www.mpkchamber.org or contact Deana Marie Swell at 626-570-9429. Chamber offices are located at 700 El Mercado Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Council Action Review

Regular Council Meeting of November 20, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., with all Council present. This Council Meeting was held at East Los Angeles College.

There were no Agenda additions, deletions, changes, and adoptions.

Presentations: The City Manager presented the Strategic Plan Update.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-55 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **November 20 2013 totaling \$10,354.56** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2 The City Council approved the minutes from the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meeting of October 2, 2013 and the Special Meetings of September 25, 2013 and October 15, 2013.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 3 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11614 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **November 20, 2013 Totaling \$811,468.07** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 4 The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting of October 2, 2013 and the special meetings of September 25, 2013, October 2, 2013 and November 6, 2013.

Agenda Item 5 The City Council waived the bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code §3.20.050 and authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase a 2014 Case SR250 Skid Steer Loader from Sonsray Machinery at the cost of \$124,929.33. The machine is used to excavate, move, lift, load and haul roadway construction debris and materials.

Agenda Item 6 The City Council accepted the City Hall Exterior and Parking Structure paint work completed by AJ Fistes Corporation; approved the final project cost of \$75,235 including change orders in the amount of \$9,335; authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter

Agenda Item 7 This item was heard at the same time as Public Hearing Agenda Item 10 though motions were taken separately. The City Council received and filed the Business Improvement District's Three-Year Action Plan with an amendment to reduce the reserves to \$50,000 and appropriate \$25,000 for marketing. One Council Member abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Agenda Item 8 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11615 certifying the Monterey Park Police Mid-Management Association as the recognized employee organization for Mid-Management Police Officers of the City.

Agenda Item 9 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11616 approving the applications for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Grant Program with the amendment to include the grant amount of \$480,000 into the Resolution. The grant will be used to rehabilitate the Cascades Waterfall and make improvements at Edison Trails Park. Council also authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents needed to obtain the grant funds. Two Council Members abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 10 The City Council held a Public Hearing to receive both written and oral comments and adopted Resolution No. 11617 confirming the 2013 Annual Report and the levy of assessments for Business Improvement District No. 1 for Program Year 2014. One Council Member abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 11 Siemens Energy Services conducted a preliminary survey of City facilities to identify potential

upgrades that would reduce energy consumption. The City Council authorized the City Manager to sign a letter of intent in a form that is approved by the City Attorney with the following requests: 1) push the timeline back 30 days, 2) make sure it is cost-neutral, 3) the term-fee would only apply if Phase 1 is cost-neutral and do not proceed with Phase 2, 4) Siemens is picking up the \$10,000 cost, and 6) provide Council additional information regarding the total net savings. One Council Member abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Agenda Item 12 The City Council introduced and waived the first reading of an Ordinance to update the Monterey Park Municipal Code regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Systems (MS4) permit that requires jurisdictions to establish and maintain legal authority to control pollutants. The second reading was scheduled for the December 4, 2013 Council Meeting.

Agenda Item 13 The Cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, San Marino and South Pasadena operate their own fire departments within their own boundaries. All cities are members of automatic and mutual aid agreements, Unified Response, Verdugo Communications, and California State Disaster Management Area resulting in assistance in emergency response and shared opportunities. Staff from the five cities have been meeting to discuss other beneficial mutual opportunities. The City Council received and filed the staff report regarding ongoing discussion and considered whether to authorize a request for qualifications for a consultant that would provide a report on the advisability and feasibility of combining resources.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTER

Council Members announced appointees for Commissions, Committees and Boards.

The City Council discussed communications and committee reports from Council Representatives of specific organizations. No action was taken.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Regular Council Meeting of December 4, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., with all Council present.

There were no Agenda additions, deletions, changes, and adoptions.

Presentations: "GO MPK" - New Smart Phone APP that lets residents and businesses report issues on the go.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-56 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **December 4 2013 totaling \$2,579.91** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 2 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11618 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **December 4, 2013 Totaling \$1,262,229.37** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 3 The City Council authorized the City Treasurer, or designee, to make investments in the Los Angeles County Treasury Pool.

Agenda Item 4 The City Council waived the bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050 and authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase a 2014 BMW R1200RTP motorcycle from Long Beach BMW at the cost of \$27,885.87 for the Police Department's Traffic Division.

Agenda Item 5 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Lost West, in a form approved by the City Attorney, in an amount of \$27,945 to provide design services for irrigation system improvements at various parks.

Agenda Item 6 The City Council authorized the Director of Public Works to identify additional sidewalk repair locations and wheelchair access ramp installations and negotiate and approve construction change orders with FS Construction in the amount to not exceed \$230,000 for this project. Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute an amendment to the contract with FS Construction, in a form approved by the City Attorney, on behalf of the City.

Agenda Item 7 The City Council adopt Resolution No. 11619 supporting the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Programs with an amendment to include posting information at Elder and Sierra Vista Park.

Agenda Item 8 The City Council received and filed the staff report in which the City Manager, under the direction of the City Council, executed side letters with the Monterey Park Mid-Management Association, Monterey Park Confidential Employees Association, and Service Employees International Union Local 721 to end the furloughs originally implemented October 29, 2011.

Agenda Item 9 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11620 appointing James Birrell to the position of interim Fire Chief as amended for a three-month term.

Agenda Item 10 The City Council waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2100 amending Monterey Park Municipal Code Chapter 6.30, entitled "Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Controls," in its entirety.

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 11 The City of Monterey Park annually receives a direct allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which are used to support a variety of programs and activities. The City Council held a Public Hearing to receive both written and oral comments and approved the proposed substantial amendments to 2012-2013

and 2013-2014 Program Years Annual Action Plans. Council also authorized the City Manager to execute and submit the necessary documents to HUD for its review and approval, and to implement the amendments.

Agenda Item 12 The City Council held a Public Hearing to receive both written and oral comments and introduced and waived the first reading on an Ordinance to approve the proposed specific plan for Able Storage facility located at 500 E. Markland Drive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda Item 13 The City Council took action regarding the second reading of the ordinance regarding modern Latin alphabet signage by directing the City Manager to report back to council via a staff report approximately every six months to contain: 1) a number of sign applications received by staff, 2) number of permits issued without modern Latin alphabet, and 3) any other related issues raised with respect thereto. The Council also directed the City Manager to give instructions to staff to encourage business applicants and sign companies to emphasize the concepts of harmony, unity and multiculturalism. The Council further directed city staff to review the Harmony Resolution and bring it back for Council consideration at a subsequent meeting.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTER

Council Members announced appointees for Commissions, Committees and Boards.

The City Council discussed communications and committee reports from Council Representatives of specific organizations. No action was taken.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 12:50 A.M.

Special Council Meeting of December 10, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m., with all Council present.

There were no Agenda additions, deletions, changes, and adoptions.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1 After interviewing applicants, the City Council appointed Janet Yu to the Library Board of Trustees.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Regular Council Meeting of December 18, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., with one Council Member absent.

There were no Agenda additions, deletions, changes, and adoptions.

Presentations: The City Manager presented the Strategic Plan update.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-57 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **December 18 2013 totaling \$179.02** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2 The City Council received and filed the investment report as of November 2013 for the Successor Agency.

Agenda Item 3 The City Council approved the minutes from the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meetings of November 6, 2013 and November 20, 2013.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 4 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11621 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **December 18,**

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2013 Totaling \$340,507.58 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 5 The City Council received and filed the investment report as of November 2013.

Agenda Item 6 The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meetings of November 6, 2013 and November 20, 2013 and the special meetings of October 29, 2013, October 30, 2013 (adjourned), and December 4, 2013.

Agenda Item 7 The City Council waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2101 approving the specific plan and mitigated negative declaration for Able Storage facility located at 500 East Markland Drive.

Agenda Item 8 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11622 approving the solicitation of bids for park access improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. One Council Member abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Agenda Item 9 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11623 approving the solicitation of bids for the installation of playground equipment and picnic shelters. One Council Member abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Agenda Item 10 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. , in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the following amendments: 1) Six month term, 2) amount not to exceed \$100,000 3) staff recommendations to fill permanent positions, and 4) provide explanation of services provided by Transtech.

Council recessed at 8:36 p.m. to hear special meeting item and reconvened at 9:05 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda Item 11 The City Council extend the contract with MV Transportation for operation of the Spirit Bus to June 30, 2015 and amended the contract to include a penalty of perjury provision regarding moral turpitude and a provision regarding at-will termination if continued breach not cured.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTER

There were no announcements of appointees for Commissions, Committees and Boards.

The City Council discussed communications and committee reports from Council Representatives of specific organizations. No action was taken.

The Mayor announced that the January 1, 2014 Council Meeting had been cancelled.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:03 P.M. in Memory of Jerry Lemire, Volunteer and Long-Time Resident of Monterey Park.

Special Council Meeting of December 18, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., with one Council Member absent.

There were no Agenda additions, deletions, changes, and adoptions.

The meeting was recessed to hear regular meeting items and reconvened at 8:36 p.m. The meeting recessed again at 9:05 p.m. to hear regular meeting items and reconvened at 10:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1 Earlier this year, the City Council asked that the City Attorney's office research the question of how the City might implement district voting to elect persons to the City Council. The City currently utilizes "at large" voting to elect City Council Members. After discussion, no action was taken on this item.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:03 P.M. in Memory of Jerry Lemire, Volunteer and Long-Time Resident of the City.

Alhambra Day Nursery Foundation Financial Grants and Scholarships

By Ed Aguirre, Alhambra Day Nursery Foundation

The Alhambra Day Nursery Foundation (ADN) will give away approximately eighty thousand dollars in financial grants and scholarships. ADN was founded in 1943 by a group of women in the Alhambra community with the mission of assisting working mothers with child care during WW II. After the war, the organization continued to assist the community by providing child care and pre-school programs in cooperation with the Alhambra School District. Eight years ago the Day Nursery changed it's mission to providing financial grants to individuals and organizations working with children and scholarships to students graduating from local high schools or attending college with majors in childhood education or related fields.

Financial Grant applications will be accepted for consideration from individuals or groups for projects involving children living within the boundaries of the school district which encompasses all of Alhambra, parts of Monterey Park, San Gabriel and Rosemead. Projects must show evidence of enriching the lives and well being of children through education and be a "not for profit" program. Grant request for \$100 to \$30,000 will be considered.

Financial grant applications are available by e-mailing Ed Aguirre, Grant Coordinator, at eoaguirre@aol.com or 626-

943-3080. Completed applications are due March 26, 2014. Successful applicants will be notified by April 30, 2014 and the awarded funds will be available shortly thereafter.

The Alhambra Day Nursery Foundation is offering \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors that have shown an interest in early childhood education or related fields of study involving children and plan to pursue this education in college. The program is open to qualified high school seniors in the Alhambra Unified School District area: Alhambra, Mark Keppel, San Gabriel, Mission, Century/Independence high schools and Ramona Covent Secondary school. Students continuing their college/university studies in early childhood education or related fields may reapply to qualify for a second year \$1,000 scholarship and \$2,000 for the third and fourth year. First year applicants must: have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 throughout high school; submit a letter(s) of recommendation and a personal goal statement; and complete the scholarship application. Completed Alhambra Day Nursery scholarship application packet must be submitted via mail to P.O. Box 640, Alhambra, CA91802 or via email to dhbiker@aol.com. Scholarship application packets must be postmarked no later than March 14, 2014. The scholarships will be awarded in June, 2014. Scholarship applications are available at each of the participating high schools or by email dhbiker@aol.com.

MONTEREY PARK SPORTS CLUB PONY AND ASA

2014 SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Registration Fees:

3 - 4 years old, Foal - Early Bird *\$60, after Dec. 14 \$75

5 - 14 years old, all other divisions - *\$100, after Dec 14 \$115

*after Feb. 12 \$130 (\$90 for Foal)

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT

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Uniform is not guaranteed for opening day if signed up after February 8th

Please bring your birth certificate to registration

Family Discount: \$10 off each sibling

Snack Bar/Deposit: \$40 per family

Fundraiser: Every family must commit to purchasing 3 Dodger tickets



BASEBALL INFORMATION

Registration Dates:

Early Bird Dec. 14th

Upper La Loma 11am - 1pm

Barnes Park Gym 11am - 1pm

January 11th, 18th and 25th

Player Evaluations/Draft

Upper La Loma

Please arrive 30 min early to sign in

and warm up

February 10th - Pinto 6pm/Bronco 7pm

February 11th- Mustang 6pm/ Pony 7pm

Opening Ceremonies

March 15th



SOFTBALL INFORMATION

Registration Dates:

Early Bird Dec. 14th

Upper La Loma 11am - 1pm

Barnes Park Gym 11am - 1pm

January 11th, 18th, and 25th

Player Evaluations/Draft

Upper La Loma

Please arrive 30 min early to sign in

and warm up

January 27th 8u 6 pm/10u 7pm

January 28th 12u 6pm/14u 7pm

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Fire Department BBQ Fundraiser to Benefit the Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial

Nineteen members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, part of the Prescott Fire Department, lost their lives Sunday, June 30th, while battling the 2,000-acre Yarnell Hill. In an effort to remember the tremendous sacrifice these firefighters made, the Monterey Park Fire Department in conjunction with the Monterey Park Firefighters Association will be holding a BBQ Fundraiser in order to raise money to donate to the Granite Mountain Hotshot Monument. This BBQ will be held on March 15, 2014 beginning at 12:00 at Fire Station 61 (350 W. Newmark, MPK). For \$7.00 you will be served either a hamburger,

cheeseburger or a hot dog along with chips and a beverage. We will also be selling raffle tickets for miscellaneous gifts to be raffled off the day of the BBQ. The entire proceeds from this event will be donated to the committee in charge of the development of the monument. Tickets will go on sale beginning Friday Jan 24th and will be available for sale at Fire Station 61 (350 W. Newmark) next to City Hall. If you would like additional information on this event or the memorial/monument, please contact Captain Matt Hallock at mhallock@montereypark.ca.gov.

Monterey Park Library Foundation Essay Contest Winners

By Janet Yu, Cascades contributor



The Monterey Park Library Foundation Essay contest winners were announced at the Foundation's Holiday Gala held at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. Participants responded to the contest topic, 'Why is the library important to you?' There were two categories of winners awarded. First place winner in each category was awarded the top prize of \$300 each. Second place winners received \$150 each and third place winners received \$50.00. The funds for the essay contest prizes were donated by a single private donor specifically for the intended purpose of using it as awards to the essay contest winners.

The Essay Contest provided an opportunity for reflection and a platform to express appreciation for the Library. Joan Merino, Vice President of the Monterey Park Library Foundation and a Judge for the Contest says, "We read some really wonderful comments in the essays, a lot of the essays spoke of how much they like the library staff and found them helpful."

The winners of the Essay contest were presented with certificate and received their awards during the presentation. Each of the participants shared a personal story in their essay.

Iris Huang, 1st place winner in the 'Under Age of 18' category wrote: "For the hours I spent there, my worries dissolved and I became immersed in the experiences, journeys, joys and tragedies of antagonists and heroes. I became enlightened with mind blowing scientific explanations of why a phenomenon such as hiccupping occurs. I became acquainted with Leonardo Da Vinci, Galileo Galilei, and Alexander Hamilton. Within the library, everything was possible."

Clarissa Hsi, 2nd place winner in the 'Under Age of 18' category wrote: "It makes me proud to see that Bruggemeyer has evolved from its origin as a library to becoming a community

center as it continues to seek ways to benefit our diverse population. I feel lucky that our city can have a library such as Bruggemeyer... I feel the library has played an integral role in my educational years... Bruggemeyer has been a part of my world and one which I can always call my home."

Matthew Louie, 3rd place winner in the 'Under Age of 18' category wrote: "The library has always been important to me in the Past, the Present, and the Future. It is a treasure trove of knowledge, new worlds (both real and imaginary) to explore, and is a quiet place of refuge for learning and contemplation."

Jenny Tan, 1st place winner in the 'Age 18 or older' category wrote: "I do not think I would have grown to be the educated person I am today without the library. It has helped me learn the English language faster... provided me with tools I needed to excel, and leveled the playing field between my peers and me."

Thomas Sun, 2nd place winner in the 'Age 18 or older' category wrote: "Although I lost my frequent reading miles membership, I have found a renewed fondness for the Bruggemeyer Library. Every time that I have come back for vacation from UC San Diego, I have frequented the library... I guess you could say that the library provided me with a consistency in a time of my life that was full of changes."

Terry Valenzuela, 3rd place winner in the 'Age 18 or older' category wrote: "From the first time that I visited the library as a child, I knew I had found my new best friend. I was able to use the library as a learning tool. During the times in my life that I struggled, I always turned to the library to learn how to deal with situations... It has been my life line... Monterey Park library is the Pride in the Past and Faith in the Future and whenever you are in doubt and need any information, the library is your primary source."

Monterey Park Library Foundation to Present Black Tie Affair

The Monterey Park Library Foundation will present a Black Tie Affair at Ocean Star Restaurant on Friday May 23, 2014 honoring outstanding women of Monterey Park in five categories - education, business, government, community service and the arts.

chosen in each category and will receive an award at the dinner.

This promises to be a fabulous affair and the first Black Tie Event hosted by The Library Foundation - don't miss it!

Residents are encouraged to nominate persons they feel should receive this honor in any of the categories. One person will be

For additional information on nominating candidates for the awards, contact the library administration at 626-307-1269.

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Chinese New Year Lunch

FEBRUARY 10

Commission On Aging, 11:00 A.m.

FEBRUARY 17

Presidents Day Observance - Center Closed

FEBRUARY 23

Club Amistad Dance

MONTEREY PARK'S SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS MEET AT LANGLEY CENTER ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

M.P. Senior Citizens Club, Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Japanese/American Club, 3rd Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Club Amistad, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.

Club Bella Vista, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

Chinese/American Sr. Citizens Club, 1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Gardening Club, 4th Monday, 1:00 p.m.

EARLY MORNING TABLE TENNIS, BILLIARDS, AND EXERCISE ACTIVITIES MONDAY - FRIDAY, 6:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

– January 6 - April 4, Fees are \$39.00

SATURDAY PLAY 8:00 A.M.- 12:00 NOON
– January 11- April 5, Fees are \$26.00

Only players that have paid activity fees may participate during the posted time. Doors open for regular play at 8:00 A.M., MONDAY – FRIDAY. No play on Langley Center Holiday closures.

BINGO - EVERY FRIDAY AT 12:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. COME JOIN THE FUN! DOORS OPEN at 11:15 A.M.

1st and 3rd Friday of the month Bingo is conducted by Monterey Park Friends of the Seniors. 2nd and 4th Friday of the month Bingo is conducted by the Monterey Park Senior Citizen Club. 5th Friday of the month is on rotation of both groups. Everyone over 18 years of age is invited to play. No children are allowed.

BINGO – ON THE 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th SUNDAY of the month. Door open at 10:00 a.m. Early Bird, 12:00 Noon

Conducted by Monterey Park Friends of the Seniors. Everyone over 18 years of age invited. No children are allowed.

BRIDGE - Contract or Duplicate – Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. If you play contract Bridge and are looking for a good group to share an afternoon of bridge with, come join us. Those who play 500 also welcome new players. All seniors are invited.

GARDEN CLUB! Do you love gardening? Would you like to share your experiences, talents, and knowledge of gardening with others? Contact Suzie Juarez at (626) 695-8059, if you are interested or need further information. No fees.

4th Monday of the month, **CLASSROOM 2.** Everyone is invited to join and meet gardening friends!

CLASSES OFFERED BY LANGLEY CENTER:

AMERICAN CULTURE

Thursday, Beginner 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.;

Intermediate, 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.,

Paul Cheng Instructor

BEADING CLASS

Mondays, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Francis Lau, Instructor, Free. Pay for materials used.

CHINESE HEALTH EXERCISE

Mary Tam conducts a health exercise class every morning at the Center, 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Everyone invited.

CHINESE KUNG FU FAN DANCE CLASS
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Instructors: Sandra Lin, Rosa Yee, Alice Tsao. Fee

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING

Monday or Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Ping Wen Chiang \$4 per class, plus cost of materials.

CHINESE PAINTING II and CALLIGRAPHY

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.,
Painting Instructor: Yu Zhou So;
Calligraphy Instructor: Louie Valdivia, Pay for materials used.

CHINESE PAINTING FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CHINESE YUAN CHI DANCE/EXERCISE CLASSES, Monday - Thursday,
8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

Instructors: Sandra Lin, Rosa Yee, Alice Tsao Free.

COMPUTER

Call the center for the March dates
Beginning level, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.;

Intermediate level, Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.,

DANCE CLASSES

Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.;

\$5.00, Instructor: Glenn Yata

ENGLISH CONVERSATION
Thursday, 9:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Instructor:

Betty Cheng

KARAOKE
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon, Instructor: Betty Cheng

LINE DANCING
Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Instructors:

Sandra Lin and Wilson Ng.

NEEDLE CRAFT WORK SHOP
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

MUSICAL GROUPS:

FRIENDSHIP CHORUS
Wed., 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Prof. Ping Qiao, Director

CHINESE EVERGREEN CHORUS
Wed., 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Mr. Delyly Chow, Musical Director

CHINESE OPERA
Monday, 9:00 a.m.– 12 Noon, Director,

Fuller Chen

CHINESE OPERA
Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, Director, C.L. Shen

MONTEREY PARK CHORUS
Monday - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.,

Friendship Room, Dr. S.S. Chang

CITY EXERCISE CLASSES

Classes Began January 6th

CHAIR FITNESS FOR SENIORS
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Tuesday /Thursday, \$52

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Thursday only, \$28

Total Fitness for Active Seniors –
Beginning: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday/
Wednesday, \$52

Intermediate/Adv: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday/Thursday, \$52

Intermediate/Adv: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, \$28

ZUMBA GOLD FOR SENIORS
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, \$28

TENNIS FOR SENIORS
Class began in January, 9 Weeks, \$45.00,

Tuesday/Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon, Victor Wong, Barnes Park Tennis Courts. Designed for seniors of all levels. Students are required to bring 2 cans of tennis balls with them to the first class.

CONCERT BAND of MONTEREY PARK
- Meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Musicians wanted – brass, woodwinds and drums. Must be able to read music and have own instrument and music stand. Fee

DANCE TUESDAY
1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Dance to the music of Incredible Time Machine, Refreshments, \$2.50

DIAL-A-RIDE

For service Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m., call (626) 307-1396. Free service for seniors 55 years of age and over, provides transportation within Monterey Park City limits, except for medical needs, and then into adjacent communities only. Dial-A-Ride provides two shopping tours a month to Town Center, Montebello or Wall-Mart, Rosemead, 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

HAIRCUTS

First come, first served. Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Barber: Robert Delgadillo Suggested donation, \$5.00. Beautician, Martha Pineda, Suggested donation, \$6.00

(The donation maintains equipment and purchases barber supplies.)

HEALTH SCREENING & RELATED SERVICES:

BLOOD SUGAR/GLUCOSE SCREENINGS
- **FEBRUARY 4**, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.,

Provided by HealthCare Partners, Olga Reyes and Celia Valenzuela.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC –
- **FEBRUARY 11**, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.,

provided by Garfield Medical Center Nurse at Langley Center.

FOR LOAN- Senior residents of M.P. may check out a wheel chair, walker or crutches for a limited time.

HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER
Walk-In-Fair Housing Clinic (1st Tuesday)

FEBRUARY 4, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., for persons needing assistance related to landlord/tenant laws (no appointment needed) for a free consultation with a housing counselor. For information, call 1-800-477-5977

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
Call 211 for services available throughout L.A. County.

IN-HOME REGISTRY SERVICE
This service can provide you with names of individuals who can work in your home offering a variety of skills. Our registry includes: LVNS for skilled nursing care, injections, etc. Certified Nurse Assistants for personal care needs such as feeding, bedside care, bathing, etc.; homemakers/companions – for housework, meals, laundry, errands, etc; plumbers, electricians, handymen, gardeners, etc. who will come to your home. Payment for the work performed is determined between the worker and you. If you reside in Monterey Park and are 60 or over and need this type of in-home care, please call (626) 307-1373. Applications for work are available.

JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. for repair or estimate. Service provided by Kit Moc. Langley Senior Center does not warrant or guarantee any aspect of any repair.

LUNCH PROGRAM
American or Chinese Hot Lunch served Monday thru Friday to those 60 years and over. Reservations must be made in advance in person. Limited number of lunches. Suggested donation \$2.00.

MAH JONG
12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MATURE DRIVER'S IMPROVEMENT COURSE – Monday, February 3 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Seniors completing the 8-hour course will be certified and eligible to get a 5% to 10% reduction on their premiums for bodily injury & property damage liability for up to three years with participating insurance companies. State Certificate of Completion, \$1.00. Information

call (626) 307-1395.

METRO "TAP CARD"

The CARDS will be processed from the 25th of the month through the 10th of next month, Mon. – Fri., 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To receive the City of Monterey Park discount, you must be 62 or older and have proof of residency which must include identification with name and address imprinted, such as a Driver's License, DMV ID Card or Utility Bill, and a valid "TAP CARD".

NOTARY PUBLIC Virginia Greene, a Notary Public, Wednesday, 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. Notarizations \$8.00 per signature for Langley Center Seniors; Refinance Loan Documents, \$45 per set, Sale Loan docs - \$50.00 per set, 2 sets refinances docs – 1st set \$45, \$30 second set, (must be 2 loans for same property), 2 sets of sale loan docs - \$50, 1st set, \$45 second set (must be 2 loans for same property); Subscribing witness forms - \$10; Custodial documents forms \$10.

TAXI COUPONS
will be issued each month, on the 1st Monday of the month - to qualified senior residents, 65 years and older; whose household income meets the Los Angeles County poverty guidelines (\$11,490 per year for one member, \$15,510 for two, \$19,530 for three or \$23,550 for four). Those meeting the guidelines are allowed 2 coupons a month, and the value of each coupon is \$11. The coupon is only valid for the month it is issued. Sign up at the office.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRIPS & TOURS
THE TRIPS and TOURS DESK IS OPEN 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. MONDAY - FRIDAY

Trips are for senior citizens 50 years and older only, no exceptions. Sign up with Tour Director for all excursions as early as possible trips are limited and are on a first pay basis. All casino dividends are subject to change. Monterey Park's Recreation/Community Services Department acts only as an agent in putting together day and extended trip packages and does not assume any liability for illness, injury, damages, loss, accident, or delay due to any act or default of any company or person involved in the trip, nor can we be held responsible for changes made by the tour operator or hotels.

CANCELLATIONS: To receive a refund, if you must cancel a trip, mail or bring your ticket to the office. A telephone call is not sufficient. (Day Trips: at least five working days prior to date of trip; Overnight Trips: at least 14 working days prior to departure date; Extended Excursions: as stipulated for specific tour). We make no refunds after the designated time. If you wish to cancel after the specified time limit, we will try to resell your ticket if a waiting list exists for the trip. A cancellation fee of \$2 per person on day trip ticket and \$5 per person on overnight trip ticket will be withheld from the refund. You may not transfer from one trip to another, sell, or give away your ticket without a cancellation fee. After paying the cancellation fee, (with approval of the Tour Office) you can sell or give away your ticket to a qualifying senior prior to trip departure.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST GARDEN TOUR APRIL 27 - MAY 3, 2014
\$1,999 per person, \$2,499 single person in room. \$200 deposit, final payment is due March 10, 2014. Tour includes one night Portland Oregon, two nights in Seattle Washington, two nights in Victoria, BC, Canada and one night in Vancouver, Canada. Airport transfers, baggage handling, round trip airfare, Portland Japanese and Rose Gardens, Lan Su Chinese Garden, Seattle Rhododendron Garden, Butchart Gardens, Hatley Park National Historic Site, Finnerly Garden at the University of Victoria, and Queen Elizabeth Park.

MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY

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MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY OPENS SEVEN DAYS!

The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library reopens its doors for seven days on Saturdays beginning February 1, 2014. Saturday hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come celebrate with us for our reopening of seven days a week event. Cake will be served outside the front of the library to all our patrons! Refreshments will be sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

LAMP LITERACY AND ESL CLASSES

The literacy program has every level of ESL classes available to help adult Second Language Learners gain reading, writing and speaking skills in English. Students are pre-tested to determine their proficiency levels in Basic English skills and to assist in placement of appropriate levels. ESL classes available are: Beginning Literacy on Tuesdays / Thursdays 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Beginning Low on Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Beginning High on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., Intermediate Low on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Intermediate High on Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Advanced ESL on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and English Conversation on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and on Sundays 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. All classes are open enrollment and anyone interested in joining a class can come by the LAMP Literacy office located on the second floor of the library for more information and to register. A material fee of \$20.00 for English Workbooks is required for each class per each semester. Students who register for classes that no longer have space available will be placed on a waiting list.

CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASSES

Citizenship Preparation classes are available at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. Persons who plan on becoming New Citizens should prepare for their Interview exam by enrolling in classes within six months prior to submitting their N-400 application. Citizenship Preparation classes will assist students with knowledge of American History, Government and Civics covered during the examination. Intermediate ESL levels are preferred to pass the Naturalization Exam. Pre Citizenship Classes are offered on Sundays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Mondays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Permanent residents planning to become New Citizens should register early for these classes before submitting their N-400 Citizenship application. A material fee of \$20.00 is required for each semester. For more information, please contact the LAMP Literacy Office at (626) 307-1251.

ONE TO ONE TUTORING FOR ADULT LITERACY

If you know an adult learner who cannot read or struggles in reading, call the LAMP Literacy Program. Adult learners are matched with trained literacy tutors who will give reading and writing instruction in English to adult learners who have little or no reading skills. All learners are pre-tested for accurate placement with tutors. Enrollment for the one to one literacy program is free and funded by California State Library Literacy Services (CLLS). Monterey Park residents are given priority on all waiting lists. Please be prepared to present proof of residence. Please call the LAMP office for more information at (626) 307-1251 or visit the literacy office on the second floor of the library. No material fee is required for one to one tutoring sessions.

JOIN THE LAMP TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS!

The LAMP Literacy Office is looking for motivated people who are interested in tutoring adult learners in one-to-one English Language Instruction, or small groups of adult learners. The LAMP Literacy Program will provide tutoring training skills and will also supply all needed training materials at no cost to the tutor. Please contact the LAMP Literacy Office at (626) 307-1251 for more information or stop by and fill out an application. Give the gift that will last a lifetime by helping someone learn English so they can flourish and prosper in their communities.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE

The Friends of the Library operates a used bookstore located at the east entrance to the library. The store is staffed by volunteers and is generally open during Library hours. The store carries a variety of books, from novels to biographies and current affairs as well as books for teens and young children. There are also a number of popular magazines available including several issues of National Geographic. In addition, there are CDs and DVDs for sale.

The Bookstore prices are as follows: Hard copies - \$2.00; paperbacks and large magazines - \$0.50; teen and young children's books - \$0.25 and \$0.10; magazines - \$0.10 and \$1.00 for CDs and DVDs. All contributions from the bookstore sales go to support various library programs and activities, many of them for teens and young children.

The Bookstore is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please fill out an application available in the bookstore or online at <http://ci.monterey-park.ca.us/index.aspx?page=2015>.

VALENTINE'S PRESCHOOL STORYTIME/CRAFT PROGRAM

Preschool children and their caregivers are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Valentine's Day storytime. After the stories, a "yarn heart" craft program for preschool children and their accompanying caregivers will be held in the Arts & Crafts Room. The library will provide free craft materials to the first twenty preschoolers. For more details, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

COMPUTER CLASS FOR TWEENS

The Children's Services Department will present a free computer class for tweens ages 9-12 and their accompanying parents on Thursday, February 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab on the second floor. Staff will introduce tweens to the library website, online databases and school assignment resource links. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Children's Desk one week prior to the program. Tweens may bring their own mobile devices such as iPhones, iPads or iPad Minis to the hands-on training. For further information, call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

"BRUSHBOT" PROGRAM FOR TWEENS

The Children's Services Department invites tweens ages 9-12 to a special "Brushbot" program on Thursday, February 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Friends Room. Brushbot is part of the Makerspace projects that offer hands-on learning experiences to help tweens learn how to use new tools or materials in a new way. Makerspaces are being created in public libraries to spark the imaginations of young patrons and nurture their interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). STEM education is increasingly important as students prepare for careers in the 21st century's technology-dependent, global economy. Project materials are provided free for the first twenty tweens. The sign-up sheet will be available at the Children's Desk one week prior to the program. Refreshments and drinks will be served. The program is funded by the Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For more details, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

STORYTIMES

Infants and children through third grade are invited to participate in the library's storytime programs held in the Storytime Room on the following days:

Tuesdays	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	4:00 pm
Thursdays	10:00 am for infants (one parent or caregiver per child is required)
Thursdays	10:30 am (preschool-age)

Each storytime lasts about 30 minutes. For safety, children must be accompanied by adult/guardians throughout all 30 minute storytime programs. For further information, call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Children's Department offers a free Homework Assistance Program for elementary school children who need help with their homework while studying at the library. Local high school students conduct the Homework Assistance Program by volunteering their time and expertise on school subjects such as English, mathematics and science. The program conducted in English is held in the Homework Assistance Room, Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm during the school year. For further information about this free service, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

MONDAY NIGHT BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES IN SPANISH

Monday night computer classes in Spanish are scheduled on February 3, 10 and 24 at 7 pm in the computer lab located on the second floor of the library. Space is limited and registration is required for the free classes. Adults wanting to learn basic computer skills that include mouse, keyboard, Microsoft Word and the Internet are encouraged to register for the free classes at the Reference Desk or by calling (626) 307-1368.

THURSDAY MORNING INTERMEDIATE MS WORD CLASSES IN ENGLISH

Intermediate MS Word Computer Classes in English are scheduled on February 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 10:30 am to 12 noon in the computer lab. Space is limited and registration is required for the free classes. Adults will practice Internet searching skills and Microsoft (MS) Word templates to make documents. To register for the free classes contact the Reference Desk or call (626) 307-1368.

JOIN THE LIBRARY TEAM OF COMPUTER VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS

The library is looking for volunteers to teach computer classes, basic, intermediate, or advanced during the day or evening. Please call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368 for additional information if you are interested in becoming

a volunteer.

OPEN COMPUTER LAB

Adults wanting to practice and learn new computer skills can join the Open Computer Lab in February on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 pm. The lab introduces intermediate computer skills, offers practice time and personalized help with E-mail, Microsoft Word, Excel and the Internet. A library staff member is present to answer questions. No registration is required for the class but seating is limited to a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

INTERNATIONAL FILM PROGRAMS

The public is invited to the library's special film screenings featuring award winning films. The International Film Program is scheduled on Wednesday, February 19 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. The program is free with light refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For additional information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT THE LIBRARY

Celebrate Chinese New Year at the library on Sunday, February 2 at 1 pm in the Friends Room. The special program includes performances from local dancers and musicians along with Chinese games and door prizes. A Chinese film will be shown after the performances. The Friends of the Monterey Park Library will provide light refreshments. The public is invited to celebrate the Year of the Horse and join the fun.



FEBRUARY ARTIST OF THE MONTH: GARY WONG CHINESE NEW YEAR: YEAR OF THE HORSE ART EXHIBIT

Local artist Gary Wong will exhibit a collection of watercolor paintings called "Chinese New Year: Year of the Horse" at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library through February 28 in the main lobby and in the display cases near the New Book collection. Blending Asian and Western themes, the exhibit features the beauty of different styles of horses from carousel, wild horses to horses racing in water color paintings. Born in China and raised in Los Angeles, Gary is a self-taught artist and has exhibited locally and nationally. His work has been featured in exhibitions such as the National Academy of Design (New York City, New York), Watercolor USA at the Springfield Art Museum (Springfield, MO), Watercolor West at the Riverside Art Museum (Riverside, CA), the Wildlife Art Festival at the San Bernardino County Museum (Redlands, CA), the Art-A-Fair Festival (Laguna, Beach, CA), and his wildlife paintings were also featured at the Pacific Rim Wildlife Art Festival (Seattle, WA). For more information about the exhibit call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

SUNDAY BOOK CLUBS

Do you enjoy reading and discussing books? Start the New Year reading more by joining the Sunday Book Clubs where readers meet, read and talk about books once a month at the library. The book clubs will meet on Sunday, February 23 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. Discussions are in two parts with the first group meeting to discuss one book title read by participating readers while the second part includes readers sharing and talking about nonfiction books. Sunday Book Club programs provide opportunities for readers to discover new titles to read and check out from the library. For more information call Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

MIDWEEK MOVIE @ THE LIBRARY

The library showcases a new to DVD released movie on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm in the Friends Room. On Wednesday, February 5, a sci-fi, epic action film features a superhero on a journey in modern day Japan as he faces his ultimate nemesis in a life-or-death battle that will leave him forever changed. The movie is rated PG-13 and the run time is 126 minutes. For more information about the free film program contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

JF PROGRAMS

FUN PROGRAMS BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH

The Junior Friends, a library teen volunteer organization hosts a program each month to serve the youth at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. On Wednesday, February 12 at 3:30 pm, the Junior Friends will host an origami Valentine themed program in the Friends Room. All teens are welcome! The library will provide craft supplies and everything needed to make a Valentine for Mom or someone special to show them that you care.

ANIME/MANGA CLUB

Join the library's Anime and Manga Club and watch the latest Anime releases, meet other Otaku and discuss new titles for the library. The club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month and invites new members to join the group on Wednesday, February 26 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm in the Friends Room.

Help with Opossums, Raccoons & Skunks

Opossum

The opossum (Virginia opossum) is North America's oldest most primitive mammal. They are the only marsupials in North America. Being nocturnal animals, they are generally seen at night foraging for food. They are omnivorous and consume many types of plants, fruits and vegetables, carrion, insects, slugs, snails and earthworms.

Opossums are not typically aggressive animals. Although they have more teeth than any other mammal (50) they would rather "play possum," than fight their predators. By playing possum they slip into what appears to be a comma. This state can last anywhere from a minute to two hours. The natural predator of the opossum is the owl, fox, human and domestic dog.

Benefits of Opossums

- Control snail population
- Immune to rattlesnake venom: help control rattlesnake population

Raccoons

The raccoon (Procyon lotor) is the most well-know furbearer in California. They are easily distinguishable by their black-masked face and ringed tail. Their human-like forepaws give them great dexterity and aid them in climbing and swimming. Being nocturnal animals they have keen eyesight and hearing.

Raccoons are omnivorous and usually feed on fruits, vegetables, insects and grubs, small mammals, fish and bird eggs. They are intelligent, fascinating and highly adaptable animals. Their natural predators are coyotes, mountain lions, and humans.

Benefits of Raccoons

- Help control rodent and insect populations

Skunks

Skunks are primarily solitary animals. Just like humans, they have five toes on their front and hind feet. They have elongated nails that aid them in digging for insects and grubs. Skunks are omnivorous and will eat a variety of insects, wild fruits, and small vertebras like mice and eggs of ground nesting birds. Their only natural predator is the great-horned owl.

Benefits of skunks

- Excellent at rodent and insect control, including black widow spiders and scorpions
- Will eat carrion, keeping roadsides clean

Deterrent Ideas In yard or house

- Never intentionally feed wildlife
- Secure garbage cans with bungee cords, rope or chains
- Remove all pet foods, water and

fallen fruit

- Close all pet doors and garage doors at night
- Keep all pets indoors

Destroying landscape

- Animals are attracted to new landscape because of the grubs and pest that are present
- Ask your local nursery about pesticides that can be used for grub control
- Pin new sod to the ground with thin spikes or cover with a thin nylon bird netting
- Water your lawns in early morning rather than in the evening
- Sprinkle your lawn or planters with cayenne pepper to discourage animals from grub hunting. For large areas cayenne pepper can be diluted with water and sprayed over lawn.
- Protect trees by securing sheet metal around the base of trees to a height of at least 3 feet

In attic, chimneys, under decks or on rooftops

- In the fall, trim trees and shrubbery away from rooftops and fencing
- Cap chimneys with a commercial chimney cap or wire mesh

Use towels soaked in household ammonia and place them in crawl space before nightfall. This should drive animal(s) out. The entrance point can then be sealed.

Ponds and pools

- Install an 8-inch wire mesh horizontally around the perimeter or provide a nylon netting cover at night
- Always provide fish with adequate hiding areas. This can be achieved with bricks, rocks and/or plants
- If you find an animal trapped in your pool leave a ramp or towel over the side of the pools so the animal has access to get out

Humane trapping

- Temporary solution. Without ridding property of attractions other animals are sure to move in.
- In spring and summer trapping can leave orphaned starving babies behind

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Feeding wildlife in the City of Monterey Park is prohibited.

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Celebrating Monterey Park's Birthday - 1947 Style

By Beryl Williams, Monterey Park Historical Museum



Ed Kretz, Sr. with Jay Leno in 1993



PIONEER DAYS Motorcycle Race on June 1, 1947



Ed Kretz, Sr. with son Ed, Jr., daughter Donna and wife Irene

During the 1947 celebration of PIONEER DAYS, the Lions Club of Monterey Park sponsored a motorcycle race that was held in the valley where the baseball diamond is located in Garvey Ranch Park. There were hills and bumps and contours added to the land to make the race interesting. The Roster of Riders listed in the booklet printed for the event-filled day lists 75 participants. Eleven events are included, ranging from 4 to 10 laps. The Main Event does not list the number of laps required to win that race. You'll have to ask someone who was present that day. Gene Ruckh comes to mind, as he attended those races and shared his memories with the author at the Historical Museum last October. (The museum has two copies of MOTORCYCLE RACES, the booklet quoted from that provides insights into that day.)

Ed Kretz, Sr. began a motorcycle repair business out of his home. That business eventually grew into Ed Kretz & Son

Motorcycles, located at 417 E. Garvey Ave. for five decades. When Chuck Lockman was eleven years old, he wanted to trade up his Honda motorcycle. Ed Kretz listened to the boy's request and drew up a contract that both parties signed. Chuck left his Honda at the motorcycle store until he had completed payments for the trade-up. Chuck's father, Willie Lockman, eventually approved the business deal that had been negotiated by his son. This story was shared by Mr. Lockman during an interview at the museum in October.

The years 1973-74 saw Ed Kretz, Sr. wheeling his way to power as the new President of the Lions Club. His long experience as a front runner in motorcycle races made being out in front a breeze for him.

1984-85 was quite a year under the leadership of President Ed Kretz, Jr. The club was honored by the District for 100%

attendance, Best Bulletin and Best Scrapbook, created by Elaine Kretz (wife of Ed Kretz, Jr.) White Cane Days brought in \$4,663 used for eye examinations and eye glasses as well as support of the Eye Foundations. The Ham'N'Egg Breakfast this year was served to 2,285 people.

1987-88 saw Ed Kretz, Jr., honored as LION OF THE YEAR, during the Lions Club's 50th year of operation. (Information in the three preceding paragraphs can be found in "History of the Monterey Park Lions Club," a booklet prepared by Lion Joe Graves. The museum has one copy of this booklet.)

For more Monterey Park historical information please visit the museum on Saturday or Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Garvey Ranch Park, 781 S. Orange Avenue, or phone 626-307-1267.

A Guide to the Night Sky for February

By Tre Gibbs, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

The mighty planet Jupiter is poised for spectacular viewing all month long. Rising at about 3:00 pm in the beginning of the month and around 1:00 pm toward month's end, Jupiter will be the dominant light in the evening sky, second only to the moon. Jupiter is currently wandering through the constellation, Gemini The Twins. In fact, the two fairly bright stars to the left of Jupiter are the heads of the twins. A pair of decent binoculars will reveal four of Jupiter's 60+ moons, known as the Galilean Satellites, since Galileo Galilei discovered the 4 moons orbiting Jupiter just over 400 years ago. While this may seem nothing more than a random observation, this event directly led to the discovery that Earth was not the center of the universe.

Following Jupiter, Mars - the God of War - rises around 11:00 pm, followed by the quintessential Saturn around 1:00 am. Although by the end of February, Mars and Saturn will be rising around 9:30 pm and 11:00 pm, respectively.

The night sky is a vast place and there are so many objects overhead that it can be rather difficult to be certain what you are seeing. This is when the moon becomes a useful tool. Understanding that

the sun, moon and planets all travel the same narrow path in the sky (called the ecliptic), one can then use the moon to find the planets as it orbits Earth, thus appearing to slip past the planets.

Though Jupiter is incredibly bright and eye catching, to be certain that you are seeing it, wait for the evening of the 10th and you will spot the moon and Jupiter together, high in the eastern sky just after twilight. Nine days later, the moon will pair up with Mars, rising in the east just after midnight. Mars is fairly obvious because of its reddish-rust colored tint. For the insomniacs, the waning crescent moon appears slightly above Saturn, rising in the east about 1:00 am on the early morning of the 21st and for the early risers, look for a thin sliver of moon above Venus - now the morning star, and will be for almost all of 2014 - rising just after 5:00 am on the morning of the 25th.

Now a sentimental nod to all the romantics out there, who, as it turns out, are probably many, since the idea of gazing at the stars is in itself a romantic notion. On February 14th, St. Valentine's Day, we will be treated to a full moon. At 3:54 pm (PST) the moon is officially full, though it will appear almost full the day before and the day after.

Have a great month - and keep looking up at the show above our heads every night!

Don't forget, the LAAS meets at the Garvey Ranch Observatory every Wednesday night, rain or shine, from 7 to 10 pm. All members are eager to answer your questions, and let you have a peek through our 8" telescope, weather permitting. Feel free to contact us via any of the methods below. We would love to see you there!

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The American Legion has a spacious hall that is available for ANYONE to rent for any occasion! We have reasonable rates, a full bar, and decorating and party assistance is available upon request. Please check out the album titled "Rent Our Hall" on our Facebook page for pictures of past events, or call the Legion for more information.

Come and watch the Super Bowl at the Legion on Sunday, 2/2!

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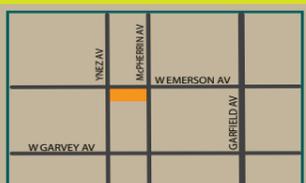


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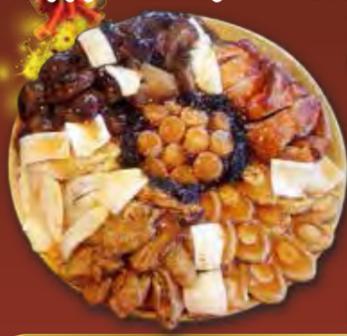


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MOMS Club Aids Homeless Women's Shelter

By Liz Chang, MOMS Club of Monterey Park

The MOMS Club® of Monterey Park, CA, which serves mothers the cities of Monterey Park and Alhambra, aided the Compton Welfare Rights Organization by collecting items for the shelter's homeless women and children during the winter holidays. Club members collected toys, women's and children's clothing, toiletries, household products, and baby gear.

Melissa Shields, the MOMS Club's Administrative Vice President, organized the service project. Shields, her husband and 20-month-old son moved to Monterey Park last year.

When asked how she identified this shelter among many in the Los Angeles area, Shields replied, "I kept calling shelters until one returned my phone call."

The Compton Welfare Rights Organization (CWRO) is a homeless shelter for abused women and children in Compton, CA. CWRO provides emergency shelter for homeless women and women with children. At the shelter, residents participate in a 60

day "series" geared towards future stability and self-sufficiency. To learn more about the shelter, visit <http://www.cwroshelter.org/>.

The MOMS Club seeks to complete service projects for other local charities serving women and children. Charities interested in partnering with the MOMS Club may contact Shields at momsclubmontereypark@gmail.com.

The MOMS Club (MOMS Offering Moms Support) is a support group for at-home mothers. For more information about the club, visit www.momsclubmontereypark.org. For upcoming meeting dates and locations, e-mail club president Liz Chang at momsclubmontereypark@gmail.com.

The MOMS Club® of Monterey Park, CA is the local chapter of the International MOMS Club, a nonprofit run by and for mothers with over 2,100 chapters and 100,000 members worldwide. For information on the International MOMS Club, visit www.momsclub.org.

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Both AEF Summer programs will be held for 6 weeks from Monday, June 9 to Thursday, July 17, 2014, Mondays through Thursdays. The K-8 Summer Academy's morning classes will return to Ynez Elementary School in Monterey Park, while afternoon classes for grades 4-8 will again be held at Mark Keppel High School. AEF is also currently exploring the possibility of offering extended day classes in music enrichment from 3:30-5:30pm at Mark Keppel High School for grades 6-8.

AEF's K-8 Summer Academy classes focus on preparing students academically for the coming school year, in a fun, stress-free environment. Courses such as "Jump Start 2nd Grade!" "Robotics," the Science and Math classes, and the

popular music classes help students think creatively, become problem-solvers, learn new social skills, and get a jump on curriculum for the coming school year.

The AEF Summer High School program will be held this year at Alhambra High School in Alhambra, after spending the past two years at San Gabriel High School. AEF's high school program continues to be one of the more popular summer schools in the San Gabriel Valley, with more than 1800 students from 22 local high schools attending the 2013 program. AEF offers courses that will help students 'get-ahead' with the credits and course work needed for graduation and college admission, including Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, and various history courses. What's more, AEF's Summer High School program also offers junior and senior students the opportunity to prepare for their upcoming SAT tests with a popular SAT preparation course. All AEF summer courses are taught by credentialed teachers, most of whom teach at AUSD schools during the regular school year.

Registration for AEF K-8 Summer Academy will begin with a special early "Early Bird" K-8 registration just for incoming Kindergarten-8th grade students on Thursday, February 27, 2014 from 5-8pm at the AUSD building at 1515 W. Mission

Road in Alhambra (cross street is Marengo Ave.). Incoming 9th-12th grade students and K-8 students as well can register at the Early Bird registration on Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 8:00am to 2:00pm at Alhambra High School.

More information about registration days, times and class tuition fees will be included in the K-8 Summer Academy and Summer High School course catalogs that will be distributed to all AUSD students in mid-February. Catalogs will also be available on the AEF website at www.aef4kids.com.

The Alhambra Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is the official fundraising partner of the Alhambra Unified School District. Since its inception in 1993, AEF has donated more

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By John Chao, D.D.S. and Sarah Kennedy, R.D.H.



Periodontal disease, more commonly known as gum disease, has recently been linked to many other systemic infections and diseases. Gum disease is the result of long term bacteria and inflammation in the gum region, which can lead to bone loss around teeth. Too much bone loss will lead to loose teeth that may eventually need to be extracted (removed). Research has shown a link between gum disease and diabetes, heart

disease, inflammation throughout the body, preterm and low birth weight babies, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic tiredness, and many other diseases.

Although some diseases are inevitable due to genetics and environmental factors, minimizing their effects is essential to controlling health as best as possible. Chronic (long term) infection in the mouth, can jeopardize the immune system in fighting off other diseases. As a result, controlling gum disease and maintaining oral health is essential in maintaining overall health as well as minimizing additional complications with other disease.

Controlling gum disease includes visiting the dentist regularly. For some, this might be every three months. These visits generally include measurements of the gums, which shows how deep bacteria can go into the gums, and whether or not infection is active. These visits also should include a cleaning (above the gum line), to remove the bacteria which is present. For people with gum disease, these appointments should be done every three months in order to remove the bacteria before they can reinfect the gums.

Personal homecare is also essential in minimizing active periodontal disease. This includes flossing and brushing after every meal, using a Waterpik (a device that sprays water in between teeth), and mouthwash. It is also very important to eat a well balanced diet, exercise regularly, and get adequate sleep.

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The Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF) will celebrate our schools and community, and honor distinguished community leaders and organizations at its upcoming 10th Annual Service to Education Awards Dinner and Gala, scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel. "A Night for Music" has been set as the evening's theme, celebrating our District's rich history of music education with fine food, drinks, dancing, and silent and live auctions.

The Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel, with their generous donation of \$10,000 to the Foundation, is proud to serve as the event's exclusive "Crown Jewels" sponsor. Additional sponsors include ML Architecture and George K. Baum & Company.

This year's Service to Education Awards Dinner & Gala will honor distinguished people and organizations that have made a significant, positive impact on local education. AUSD's four talented and devoted elementary school band and orchestra teachers — Dave Batti, Lisa Jones, Jim Hamilton and Julie Sorenson — have been selected as the "Education" honorees for their dedication to instructing and inspiring the love of music in AUSD's 4th-8th grade students. The Alhambra Council of PTAs has been named as AEF's "Community Organization" honoree for the group's 95 years of service to the students and schools of AUSD.

The "Business" honoree is longtime AUSD architect and school supporter Mun Leu of ML Architecture, Inc. Mr. Leu has designed and managed the construction of many of AUSD's district and school site buildings erected in the past few years, including AUSD's new central kitchen. Honored as AEF's "Community Volunteer" awardee is parent and school volunteer Keith Matsuda, who currently serves as President for both the Brightwood Elementary PTA and the Mark Keppel High School Alliance, as well as Founder and President of the MKHS Aquatic Boosters organization. Mr. Matsuda, the parent of two AUSD students, has dedicated himself to ensuring excellence in education at both the primary and secondary levels.

In addition, the Gala event will include dancing to the live band "Hard Rain" featuring none other than AUSD's own music impresario, Dave Batti. Mr. Batti will be performing with the band as they perform party music and classic rock that will sure to have the dance floor packed. A sumptuous silent and live auction will round out the evening, with a variety of auction items available, from tickets to sporting events to vacation packages.

Beginning Monday, February 10, tickets can be purchased for the event on the AEF website at www.aef4kids.com, or by calling the AEF office at (626) 943-3080. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for all, and range from the Bronze Sponsorship at \$300 to the Diamond Sponsorship at \$5,000. Sponsorship packages include event tickets, ads in the program book, and various promotional opportunities through the Foundation.

Currently, AEF is raising funds for their "Music & More" campaign to provide educational and enrichment programs at all AUSD schools, including a new Music Instruction program for K-3 students, and the addition of a College and Career Counselor at AUSD high schools. All proceeds from the Gala will support the "Music & More" campaign, which is set to be implemented in AUSD schools in the 2014-15 school year.

The Alhambra Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is the official fundraising partner of the Alhambra Unified School District. All proceeds from AEF's fundraising efforts, including the summer school program, the annual Service to Education dinner gala, AEF's annual appeal, and the Taste of Alhambra community event, benefit all the schools and students of AUSD. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation to AEF, please go to www.aef4kids.com and follow AEF on Facebook.

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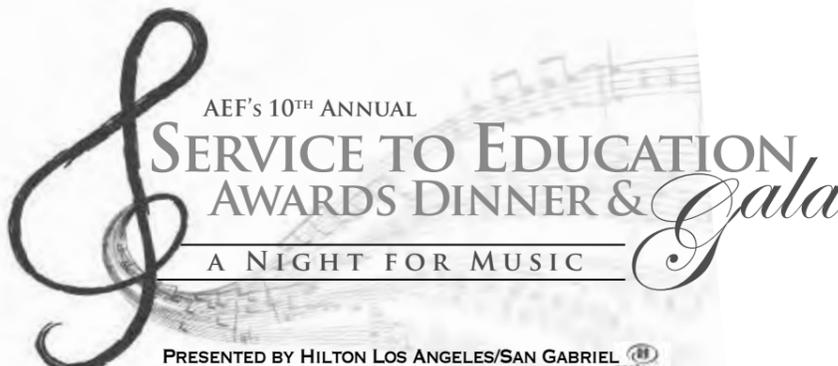
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How Secure is Your Home?

By Sergeant John Martindale, Monterey Park Police Department.



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- Purchase an alarm system
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1:30-3:30 at Mark Keppel High School

- Beginning Band
- Middle School Band
- Beginning Strings
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- Basketball clinic (two 3-week sessions)

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San Gabriel student wins District Poetry Out Loud competition

By Steven Ho, senior, Editor-in-Chief, *The Matador*, San Gabriel High School.



San Gabriel senior Alex Luu performs in the Poetry Out Loud competition, eventually winning the district competition. Photo by Derek Deng, senior, *The Matador*, San Gabriel High School.

The walls of the Alhambra High School Little Theater vibrated with poetry as a group of 21 student poets from San Gabriel and Alhambra High School competed in the district round of the 2014 Poetry Out Loud Competition held on Dec. 17. Students were required to memorize, practice, and recite a poem from a recognized poet and perform it in front of judges who scored the poets based on their accuracy, confidence, and understanding

of the poem. San Gabriel senior Alex Luu was announced as the first place winner of the district competition and will advance to the county competition on Feb. 5.

Mr. Luu, who performed Walt Whitman's "A March in the Ranks Hard-Prest, and the Road Unknown," felt overjoyed when he heard the host shout out his name after the dramatic first place drum roll.

"I was very humbled at the announcement and in a moment of disbelief that I was able to beat out many of the amazing performances at the district competition," Mr. Luu said. Aside from practicing his poems repeatedly until he mastered every word, Mr. Luu also performed his piece to his Speech and Debate peers and coaches in order to receive criticism. In the end, his hard work materialized itself into the first place spot on the stage.

San Gabriel English teacher Katy Burkhardt encouraged many of her own students, including Mr. Luu, to compete at Poetry Out Loud and described the experience of hearing the poetry performed as surreal.

"My favorite part of Poetry Out Loud in general is [seeing] students connect emotionally with the poems," Ms. Burkhardt

said. "I hope that this competition demystifies poetry for many of [the students in the audience]."

Ms. Burkhardt will travel with Mr. Luu to the county competition in hopes of seeing him move on to the statewide competition. The district round was very close according to Ms. Burkhardt—only fractions of points separated the students' scores. However, Ms. Burkhardt has confidence that Mr. Luu performed well and believes that he may possibly go farther in the competition.

The competition was not only nerve-racking for competitors, but it was also a thrill for the audience to observe. Sophomore Alhambra student Adeline Sov described watching the poets perform as stress relieving and enjoyable.

"My favorite part is when they are right about to get on stage to perform," Adeline said. "You can feel the nervousness and that they were prepared." Adeline enjoyed experiencing the poems through the poet's perspective and making meanings out of the performances.

Mr. Luu was trailed by San Gabriel senior Helen Chhea, who won second place in the

competition. Ms. Chhea was pleasantly surprised to be announced as the runner up because of how well her competitors performed. Through memorizing her poem, "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost, Chhea has gained a greater appreciation of poetry.

"I realized that there is more depth to poetry—more emotions," Ms. Chhea said. "It's more than just pretty words on a page."

Regardless of how well her students did, Ms. Burkhardt felt that the competition was about appreciating poetry and incorporating its meaning into our lives.

"[Watching the competition] reminds me why I went into teaching," Ms. Burkhardt said.

Mr. Luu has learned much about self-confidence and his own speaking abilities through this competition.

"The support from my friends and teachers, especially Ms. Burkhardt, has truly been a blessing to me and it's helped me realize so much about my voice that I overlooked before," Mr. Luu said.

Mark Keppel High School performs Disney's Beauty and the Beast



Rehearsing for Mark Keppel's spring musical Disney's Beauty and the Beast, senior Connie Bahng as Belle and sophomore Kyle Shelton as Gaston practice with Vocal Director Cecilia Revilla

Mark Keppel's spring musical is Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Folks of all ages will enjoy this most beloved musical which truly is a "tale as old as time."

Show dates are February 28, March 1, March 7 & 8, at 7:30 pm; with two special matinees on Sunday, March 2 and Sunday, March 9, at 3:00 pm.

This well-known musical has been performed and celebrated on Broadway and

around the world. Keppel's production includes a company of 45 actors with senior Connie Bahng as Belle and senior Xavier Torres as the Beast. Music will be provided by Keppel's own 60 member, student orchestra. The experienced production team, reunited from Flower Drum Song, includes Choreographer Joseline Granados, Vocal Director Cecilia Revilla, Set Designer Dennis McCullough, Musical Director Dr. Carla Bartlett, Technical Director Tim Gillette, and Director Page Phillips.

The musical is family-friendly, and children from ages 5 to 105 are encouraged to attend. All performances will be in the school's auditorium at 501 East Hellman, Alhambra. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, and may be purchased online at our webstore which can be found at www.mkhs.org (the webstore link can be found in the center of the left side of the page) For more information call 323/943-6781.

Vision To Learn gives gift of sight to Northrup students



First grader Luella Kirkpatrick gets a vision exam by Vision To Learn Optometrist Dr. Amanda Orgel on the mobile bus.

A mobile eye lab from Vision To Learn, a nonprofit organization, rolled alongside the Northrup campus and referred students were called up, one at a time, to get a vision screening. Two weeks after their exam, students had the opportunity to claim their new, free glasses.



Northrup Elementary students on the day they received their new glasses in front of the Vision To Learn bus with ABO Certified Optician Uziel Granados and Northrup School Nurse Kathy Leon.

School Nurse Kathy Leon felt very fortunate to have Vision To Learn at Northrup. "A study has shown that over 20% of students have a vision problem and over 80-90% of those problems can be corrected with glasses," Ms. Leon said. "When these students receive glasses, they

have increased confidence and classroom participation, improved focus and academic performance, and more ease with homework."

Over 60 of Northrup students received a free eye exam and 52 received a new pair of glasses. "The doctors and opticians from

Vision To Learn made the experience fun and exciting for the students," Ms. Leon said. "They were patient, kind and took the time to explain to the students exactly what was happening in each step of the process. The students couldn't wait to get back to their classrooms to tell everyone about the glasses they picked out. I can't thank them enough for giving our students a better chance to succeed in the classroom and in life."

Second grader Stephanie Yeung said, "I can see people and things that are far away now!"

Students and staff appreciate the goodwill of Vision To Learn and thank this organization and its donors.

"This organization is making a positive impact on our future, one pair of eyes at a time!" Principal Stacie Colman-Hsu said.

Alhambra High School updates

By Olivia Cheung, senior, ASB Dir. of Public Relations, Alhambra High School

Shortly after the Moors returned from their winter break, its winter athletes quickly began competing in the Almont League. Winter sports include boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, girls' water polo, and wrestling. To draw in more support for athletes, a Sports Rewards Card system

has been implemented. To claim a reward from the Moor Market, a person must attend six home varsity games; their card must be stamped twice per game, within the first and last 15 minutes of the game. Each card is only valid during one sporting season—fall, winter, or spring.

On Jan. 17, a successful winter sports rally was held, featuring performances from AHS' Mighty Moors Marching Band and various dance groups. The winter rally capped off the Winter Spirit Week and hyped up students for Buddy Dinner later that night.

This month of February is an eventful month, with Sophomore Week, Academic Pep Week, Junior Week, and Battle of the Sexes promising exciting activities for the student body. In addition, Open House is on Feb. 13, and the faculty hopes to see all students and families there.

3-D printer brings learning to life at San Gabriel High School



Freshmen Dang Lam and Aaron Chang observe the MakerBot 2, a 3-D printer, bring their iPhone case design to life during their Math in Engineering class, taught by San Gabriel High School teacher Nicolas Nguyen. Photo by Derek Deng, senior, The Matador, San Gabriel High School.



A cup made by the 3-D printer in San Gabriel High School teacher Nicolas Nguyen's Math in Engineering class.

One precise movement, followed by another, and another. Layer upon fine layer. A Statue of Venus is completed.

With his recently acquired MakerBot Replicator 2, a 3-D printer, San Gabriel High School math teacher Nicolas Nguyen has found a way of integrating classroom skills into real world applications in his Math in Engineering class, which consists of primarily freshmen and sophomores. Mr.

Nguyen, who has a philosophy of hands-on education, obtained the MakerBot 2 by applying for a \$2200 grant specifically for the printer that asked him to answer a question regarding how the technology would benefit his students.

"The 3-D printer allows my students to bring ideas to real life," Mr. Nguyen said. "It brings learning to life."

Mr. Nguyen applied for the grant on DonorChoose.org, a nonprofit organization to assist public schools, during the end of October and early November, and he received it before the Winter Break, a period that he used to test out the device. Since the 3-D instrument is new to his class, he is currently teaching his students how to understand and use 3-D software, such as SolidWorks, AutoCAD, Autodesk, and Google SketchUp.

"In making objects with the 3-D printer, I feel like I have accomplished something using my classroom skills," freshman Aaron Chang said.

Aaron, along with freshman Dang Lam, were the first students in the class to complete a design using Google Sketch Up and print out a product with the MakerBot Replicator 2—they made an iPhone case. Although their design contained flaws, such as covered camera hole, Aaron and Dang, who also gave the class a lesson on utilizing Google Sketch Up, inspired their classmates to continue working.

"I have seen the student engagement level increase," Mr. Nguyen said. "It's probably because they can see reality, not just classroom theory."

The printer works by way of a direct connection to a computer, or through an SD card that has had designs exported to it. The accurate printhead lays layers of polylactic acid (PLA) plastic in the correct formation to make items ranging from snowflakes and vases to bracelets and pencil holders, all of which Mr. Nguyen has made with pre-made online designs. Despite the hours it may take to print out an object, most of the products come out correctly as expected, except for when the designs are too complicated or need to be adjusted for the printer's capabilities.

Also interested in possessing a 3-D printer was San Gabriel High School physiology teacher Amy Wu, who set up a page on DonorChoose.org, but later discovered that the competition for the MakerBot Replicator 2 no longer had funds.

Not only has Mr. Nguyen been able to build figures with his 3-D printer, but he has also been able to build up the interest his students have in math and engineering.

This article was written by Oscar Molina, senior, Editor-in-Chief, The Matador, San Gabriel High School.

Alhambra High School football capture the Tri-City trophy



The Alhambra High School football team celebrates its Tri-City Football victory.

It was certainly a night to remember! Despite a tumultuous season, Alhambra High School's football team defeated the San Gabriel High School team to take the Tri-City Football trophy. The final score, 36-25, enabled the Moors to finish fourth in the Almont League, one game ahead of the Matadors and two games in front of the Mark Keppel Aztecs.

The Moors' defense and special teams made most of the big plays on a night

after Alhambra junior quarterback Nick Giambalvo threw five interceptions. Defensive lineman Joseph Gomez and safety Jimmy Calderon scored on fumble recoveries, and linebacker Nikolas Tellez returned a pass interception for a touchdown. After the Matadors cut Alhambra's lead to 20-19 midway through the second quarter, Daniel Diaz ran five yards for a touchdown to give the Moors an eight-point margin going into half-time. Diaz, a senior running back, carried the ball 19 times for 65 yards in his best career performance. The third quarter was scoreless, but during the fourth quarter, the Matadors came within two points when quarterback Anthony Gutierrez threw a 49-yard touchdown to wide receiver Rigoberto Sanchez with 9:24 left in the game. Giambalvo hit tight end Austin Chavez with an 18-yard scoring pass to extend Alhambra's lead to 33-25. Towards the end of the game, Alhambra line backer Ivan Orzco intercepted a pass from the Matadors to set up a game clinching 28-yard field goal by senior placekicker Oscar Reynoso. And the Moors claimed the Tri-City title once again.

A Year in the Life: Alhambra High School Speech & Debate team captains share the weight



Left to right: Holding some of the Alhambra High School Speech and Debate Team's sweepstakes trophies are seniors Anthony Zhu, Andrew Quach, Ximena Araujo and Kevin Zhang.

With the tremendous growth in membership of the Speech & Debate Team at Alhambra High School this year, leadership plays an important role in maintaining successful and enthusiastic team spirit. Leading this year's squad are four very capable and experienced seniors who not only help guide the other members, but also compete in their own rigorous speech and debate categories as well. The entire job becomes a complete balancing act – a daunting task for a high school student on the cusp of graduating and anxiously awaiting to hear from the various college admissions offices.

"My job as one of the head captains is similar to being a parent; I have to focus on myself and simultaneously mentor underclassmen," said Andrew Quach, an AHS senior who joined during his freshman year through the Oral Interpretation course on campus. "My various responsibilities often require me to work at school long after the sun goes down. As stressful as it may be, it is equally rewarding."

Kevin Zhang, who was one of two winners in the final round at the Optimist Club Student Speaker Contest, added: "As a captain, I strive to balance authority with fun in order to develop discipline and spark passion in novices. I try to help underclassmen reach their potential and learn the importance of self-worth. After all, Speech and Debate is about finding your own voice and having the confidence to present it, and that's something I take pride in achieving."

Swelling to 145 members this year, the Alhambra High School Speech and Debate Team resembles a mini factory. The captain's

position does not stop at just being at the helm; being a captain means struggling to recruit new members, guiding students towards which of the eleven speaking categories they would like to do and to which of the four debate categories they might be interested in, and then encouraging a practice regiment among the members.

"Captaincy on the debate team isn't just about being able to lead; it's about being able to empathize with a unique community filled with diverse talents. Our responsibilities range from mentoring freshman to hearing Mr. Tong's life lessons at 1:00 am. Ultimately, everything in between is just as challenging as it is fun," said Anthony Zhu, who has qualified twice to the National Championships in Student Congress.

The captains' guidance has helped lead the team to multiple sweepstakes trophies this year including 5th place sweepstakes at the Winter Classic held at Fullerton High School, 2nd place sweepstakes at Fall Varsity held at Arroyo High School, 3rd place for Individual Events and 1st place for Debate at the Spartan Fall Classic held at Schurr High School.

"It has been an honor to help the other members on the AHS Speech & Debate Team. I am amazed at how much the novices have improved since they started practicing in the summer," said senior Ximena Araujo, who joined as a sophomore. "Watching them excel and grow as speakers is what makes being captain so rewarding. Being a captain comes with many responsibilities, but being a part of a team who care about each other is worth it."

And the second semester has just begun...



Kelly Paul, General Manager from Alhambra ChryslerDodgeJeepRam presents a check for \$2380 to the San Gabriel High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) on Dec. 18, 2013. The funds were raised from a Dodge Booster Club Drive Event in which participants test drove Dodge cars with the PTSA receiving a donation from Dodge per driver. From left to right: Millie and Steven Tani, Dodge Booster Club Event Coordinators; Kelly Paul; Roger Majano, PTSA President; and Raymond Yang, student.

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市政府諮詢有關Spirit巴士路線更改計劃的公眾意見

La Ciudad Busca la Participación Del Público para Los Cambios Propuestos para El Spirit Bus.

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2014年3月13日星期四
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Jueves, 13 de Marzo del 2014

Langley Senior Center

400 W. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park.

2013年9月，有關Spirit 巴士路線更改草案已經對外公佈，尋求公眾意見。社區成員對取消目前附近居民鄰里現有的服務，如Brightwood, Highlands和Garvey Reservoir表示關注。當有新的鏈接線支持到Atlantic和Pomona的黃金線站，以及到Atlantic和Hellman的大西洋時代廣場時，有些倚賴公共交通工具的居民們，會害怕他們不能再利用以往的交通工具有去他們的醫生和購買所需物品。有些成員反對沿著主要幹道上的既定路線——如大西洋大道(Atlantic)和嘉惠爾大道(Garfield)，這是由MTA和Montebello巴士提供服務，但沒有服務路線到達當地小街。有1,000個署名代表，要求保留服務的請願書，主要來自Emerson 街道的老人公寓。

En Septiembre del 2013, una propuesta preliminar de los cambios de las rutas del Spirit bus fué publicado para obtener comentarios del público. Miembros de la comunidad expresaron sus preocupaciones sobre la eliminación del servicio a los vecindarios residenciales que actualmente estan siendo servidos: Brightwood, Highlands y el Garvey Reservoir. Mientras que hubo apoyo para una nueva conexión hasta la estación de la Gold Line entre Atlantic y Pomona, y al Atlantic Times Square entre Atlantic y Hellman, los residentes que dependen de éste medio de transporte temían que ya no iban a poder tener acceso a sus doctores y para hacer sus compras necesarias. Algunos se opusieron a las rutas propuestas a lo largo de los principales corredores - Atlantic y Garfield - que son servidos por MTA y los buses de Montebello pero no a las rutas a lo largo de las calles locales donde el servicio no existe. Peticiones representando 1,000 firmas solicitaron la retención del servicio, predominantemente a la vivienda para ancianos en Emerson Avenue.

根據目前已收集到的意見，工作人員修正了議案並於2013年11月21日的交通委員會會議上，提交一份全新的草案。委員會命工作人員展示新的議案內容給社區並收集意見。兩個社區會議已在2014年1月14日召開，並從參加者手中收回調查卡。

Basado en los comentarios recibidos, el personal revisó la propuesta y presentó una nueva propuesta preliminar a la Comisión de Tráfico en su reunión del 21 de Noviembre del 2013. La Comisión ordenó al personal a presentar la nueva propuesta a la comunidad y a obtener su reacción. Dos reuniones de la comunidad fueron llevadas a cabo el 14 de Enero del 2014 y las tarjetas de encuesta fueron recogidas de los participantes.

工作人員現公佈第三個版本讓公眾查閱。最新的議案與1月14日社區會議中所展示的草案版本類似：唯一修改的就是沿著Emerson街道和Orange街道的服務路線。市政府歡迎大家對這個新議案予以意見。鼓勵有興趣的個人參加將於2014年3月13日舉行的社區會議，對更改的內容進行討論。若有任何疑問和建議，請致電626-307-1320，或電郵至publicworks@montereypark.ca.gov，與公共工程部聯繫，或郵寄信件給蒙特利公園市Spirit 巴士，地址：320 . W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754。

El personal ahora está publicando ésta tercera versión para revisión pública. Esta última propuesta es parecida a la propuesta preliminar que fué presentada en la reunión de la comunidad el 14 de Enero. La única modificación es el servicio a lo largo de Emerson Avenue y Orange Avenue. La ciudad les agradecerá sus comentarios sobre ésta nueva propuesta. A las personas interesadas se les recomienda a atender la reunión de la comunidad que se llevará a cabo el 13 de Marzo del 2014 cuando los cambios serán discutidos. Si tiene preguntas y/o comentarios, por favor póngase en contacto con el Departamento de Obras Públicas en el publicworks@montereypark.ca.gov, o por teléfono al (626) 307-1320, o por correo al: Spirit Bus, City of Monterey Park, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

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在新年裡吃新鮮和健康的蔬菜水果

Coma Fresco y Saludable en el Nuevo Año

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Ponga a prueba su conocimiento de frutas y verduras para ganar una canasta de frutas y verduras frescas del mercado. Envíenos un e-mail con la respuesta correcta al montereypark FM@gmail.com antes del 15 de Febrero y escogeremos a un afortunado ganador. La ganadora de Diciembre fué Nancy Shinyama quien correctamente adivinó la Guayaba. ¡Buena suerte éste mes! ¿Qué verdura es ésta? Sugerencia: Esta es una prima de la verdura con la que probablemente está mas familiarizada y que usa frecuentemente en sopas.



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Conozca a sus vecinos. ¡El comprar en el farmers' market no sólo lo ayuda a comer más alimentos saludables locales sino que también es una noche afuera muy divertida! Goce de música en vivo, sabrosos bocaditos, e incluso Zumba gratis cada segundo viernes del mes con nuevos y viejos amigos en Monterey Park. A las comunidades sanas les gusta mantenerse unidas. Para más consejos Buenos, síganos en Facebook (montereyparkFM).

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蒙特利公園市Bruggemeyer圖書館星期六起，將開放給公眾使用

La Biblioteca Bruggemeyer de Monterey Park Estará Abierta los Sábados

蒙特利公園市Bruggemeyer圖書館將於2014年2月1日星期六開始開放給大眾，每週七天營業。請在當天到圖書館外一起來慶祝(並品嚐蛋糕)吧！圖書館館長Norma Arvizu對圖書館開幕表達了看法：“我們圖書館員將提供每週七天服務給社區，我們對此也很開心和期待。”星期六開放時間從早上10點開始，至下午1點結束。

La Biblioteca Bruggemeyer de Monterey Park estará abierta siete días a la semana comenzando el sábado 1ro de Abril del 2014. Unasenos para una celebración (¡con pastel!) afuera de la biblioteca en esa fecha. La bibliotecaria de la ciudad, Norma Arvizu, comentó, "El personal de la biblioteca está extasiado de que vamos a ofrecer servicios a la comunidad siete días a la semana." El horario del sábado es de 10:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.

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- 星期一 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 星期二 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 星期三 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 星期四 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 星期五 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 星期六 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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- Miércoles 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Jueves 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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Where Are We In 2014?

Since 2010, the real estate market has been on a road to recovery; though there have been ups and downs, overall we have improved since the crash of 2009 when prices plummeted 30%-50% in Southern California. Monterey Park was definitely not immune to the crash but the city did not sustain as much damage in prices as other areas. In the last several years, the real estate market has seen an influx of foreign investment from which the city has greatly benefited and also created a hub for Chinese nationals trying to achieve the American Dream of homeownership.

Each year, John Man Group prepares an analysis of the local real estate market utilizing data from the multiple listing service and economic reports from the California Association of Realtors. At John Man Group, we analyze the median prices of single family homes in the area over the past 4 years. We use the median price rather than the average price because it is subject to less deviation. We then review the strength of the market based on supply and demand of inventory to determine the market we inhabit.

When we look at the median prices for 2011 through 2012, there were seven months of price decreases compared to the previous year. (Fig. 1) In 2013, there was only one month of price decrease in the median which occurred in August 2013. Monterey Park saw eight months of double-digit gains where seven of those months were over 20%. In December of 2012 the median price was \$415,000 for single family homes and by December 2013 the median price was \$596,500, an increase of 44%. In 2013, the average gain for median priced homes in Monterey Park was 21%.



(Fig. 1)



(Fig. 2)

Now let's look at the market inventory; months of inventory provide a snapshot of the home supply available and how long it would take to sell. (Fig. 2) Generally, five months of inventory mark a healthy market; whereas less than five, creates a seller's market, and greater than five, a buyer's market. With that said, Monterey Park averaged 3.3 months of inventory for the year of 2013; at no point was the inventory above four months.

At the end of 2013, prices increased dramatically and inventory remained low. A factor that might bring change is the fluctuation of interest rates. The California Association of Realtors forecasts that interest rates may rise above 5% for 2014. If this occurs we can expect a butterfly effect where the borrowing power for buyers will decrease; bringing less demand, increases in inventory, and eventually lower prices.



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